♣ THE RESURRECTED FOSSIL

THE BELL'S RUNG FOR CLASS, HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP THAT RACKET UP FOR?!
HEY!
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ARGH!
WHO WAS THAT TRYING TO CAUSE TROUBLE JUST THEN?!
I... IT WASN'T ME!
EH?!
YOU DID IT, DIDN'T YOU NAITOU.
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I... I DID NOT!
SENSEI! HE HAD THIS SLINGSHOT IN HIS POCKET!
YEAH, YEAH, THE SHORTY DID IT!
I SAW IT FULLY!
Y... YES SIR...
NAITOU, SEE ME AFTER IN THE STAFF ROOM!
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?!
YET NO MATTER HOW MUCH HE'S BULLIED, HE NEVER FIGHTS BACK.
YEAH.
HAS HE ALWAYS BEEN BULLIED?
IT'S TERRIBLE...
THEY ALWAYS PUT THE BLAME ON NAITOU-KUN.
GAHAHAHA.
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LOOK. HE'S ALL BOWING HIS HEAD TO THE TEACHER.
MM. HE'S RATHER SHY, AND SAYS LITTLE.
SO EVERYONE MESSES AROUND WITH HIM.

THERE'S NOTHING ELSE I CAN DO, THEY ALWAYS JUST BLAME ME.
NAITOU-KUN, YOU SHOULDN'T APOLOGIZE ANYMORE.
PLUS I'M BAD AT STUDYING, SO I GET TREATED LIKE A FOOL.
THERE'S JUST NO HOPE FOR ME. I'M SHORT AND POOR AT FIGHTING.
IF YOU DON'T OCCASIONALLY GET MAD, NOTHING'LL CHANGE.
YOUR TIMIDITY IS WHAT CAUSES THEM TO PICK ON YOU.
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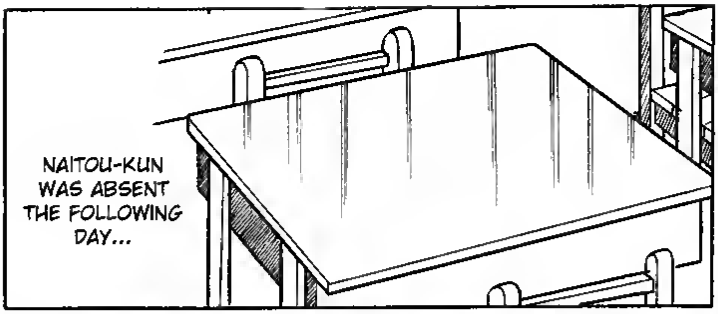
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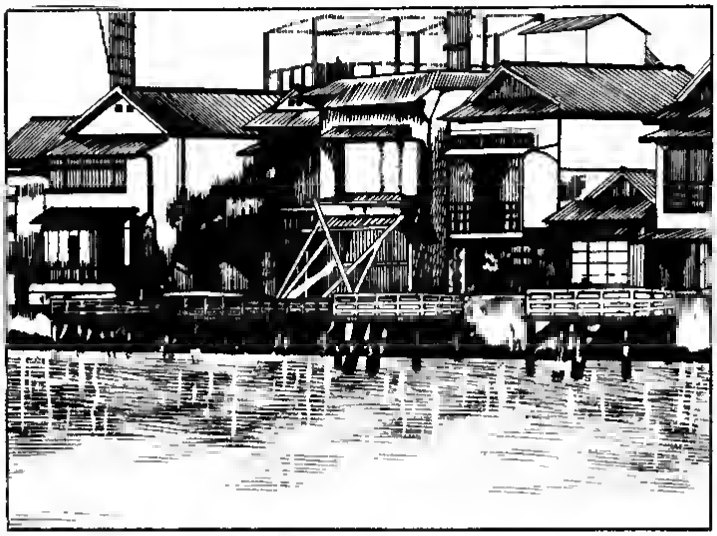
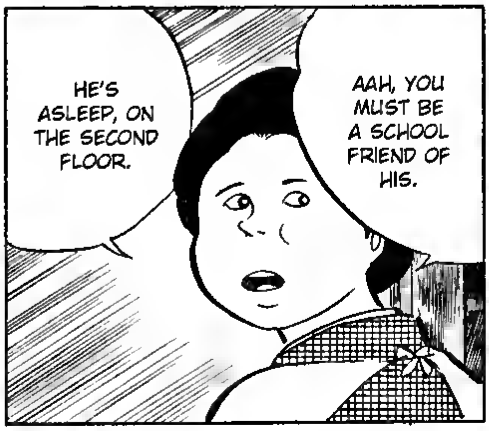
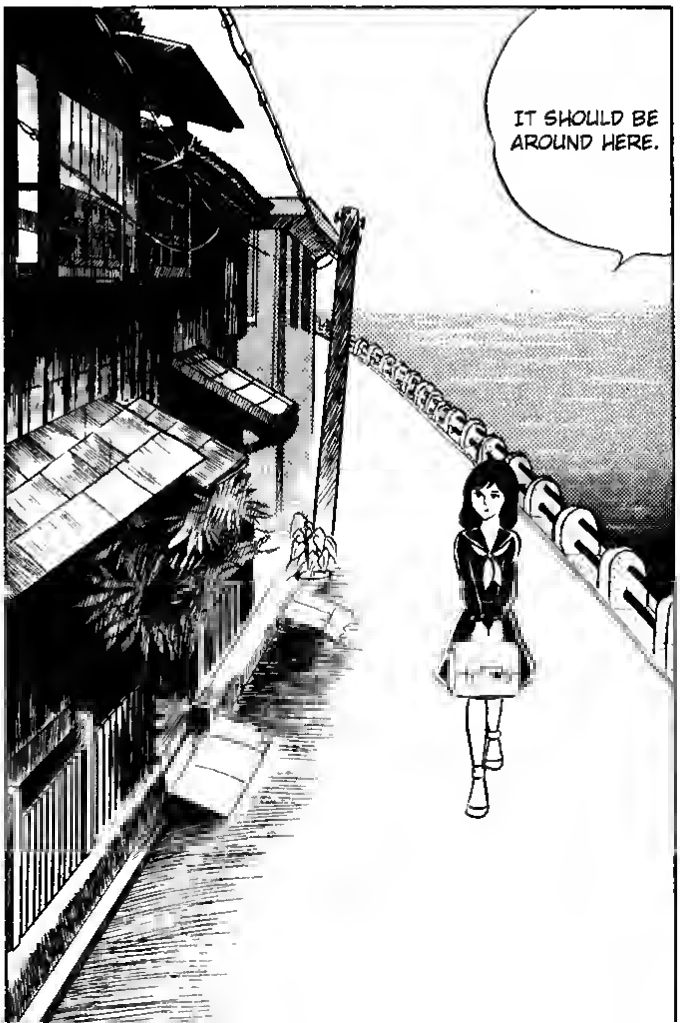
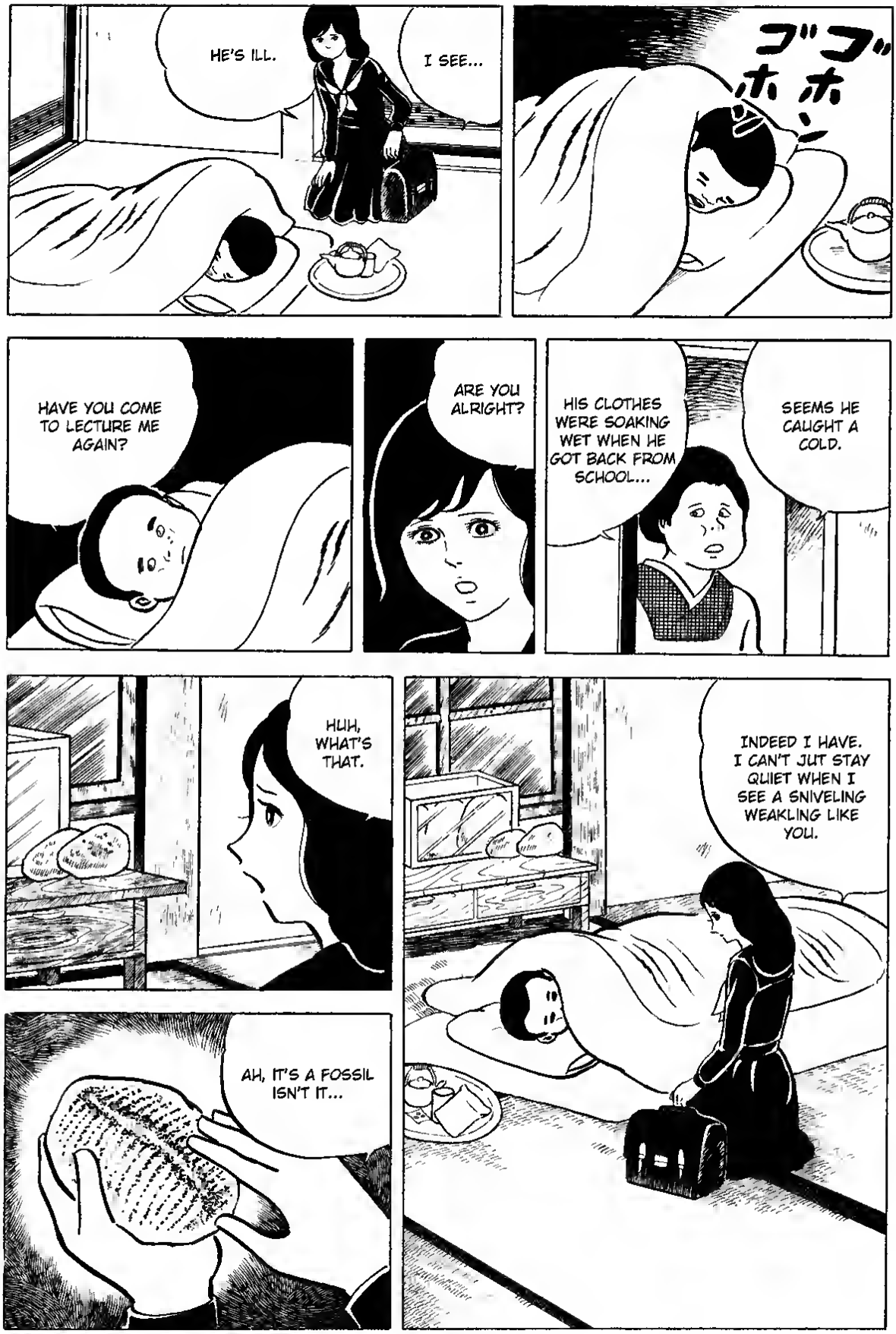


EXCUSE ME, IS NAITOU-KUN IN?


HE'S ASLEEP, ON THE SECOND FLOOR.
AAH, YOU MUST BE A SCHOOL FRIEND OF HIS.


IT SHOULD BE AROUND HERE.


HE'S ILL.
I SEE...
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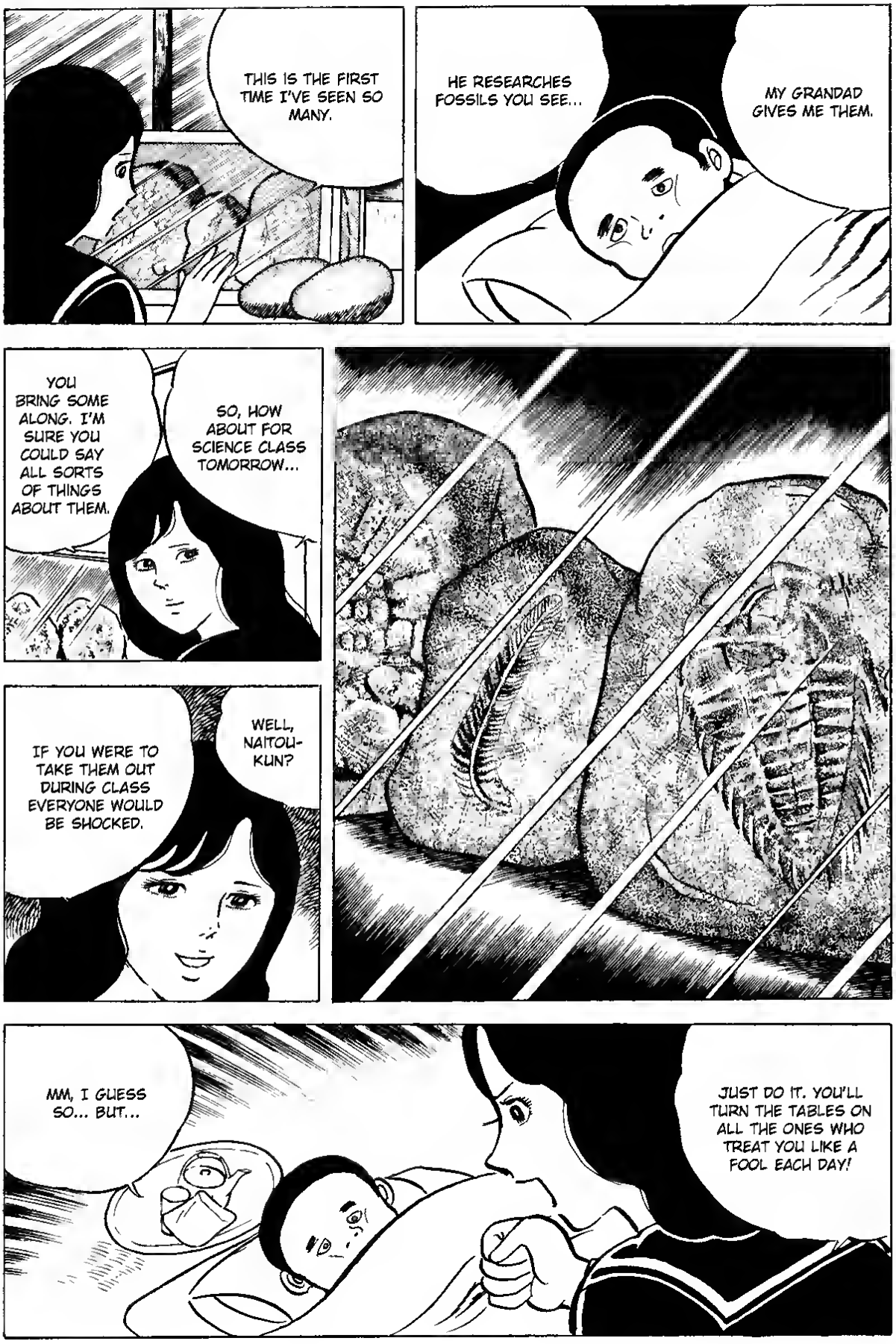
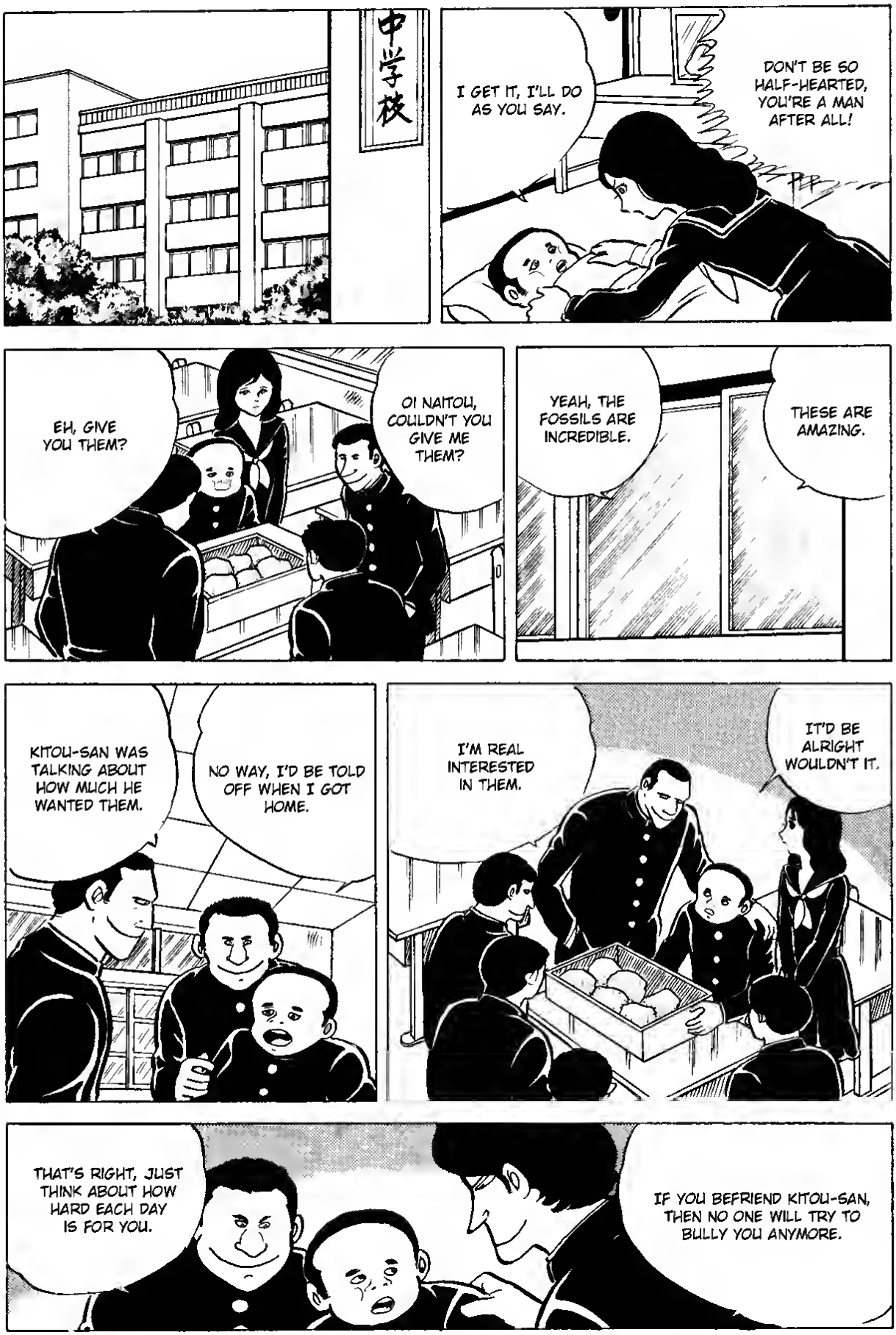
HAVE YOU COME TO LECTURE ME AGAIN?
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
HIS CLOTHES WERE SOAKING WET WHEN HE GOT BACK FROM SCHOOL...
SEEMS HE CAUGHT A COLD.
HUH, WHAT'S THAT.
AH, IT'S A FOSSIL ISN'T IT...
INDEED I HAVE. I CAN'T JUT STAY QUIET WHEN I SEE A SNIVELING WEAKLING LIKE YOU.


THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN SO MANY.
HE RESEARCHES FOSSILS YOU SEE...
MY GRANDAD GIVES ME THEM.
YOU BRING SOME ALONG. I'M SURE YOU COULD SAY ALL SORTS OF THINGS ABOUT THEM.
SO, HOW ABOUT FOR SCIENCE CLASS TOMORROW...
WELL, NAITOU-KUN?
IF YOU WERE TO TAKE THEM OUT DURING CLASS EVERYONE WOULD BE SHOCKED.
MM, I GUESS SO... BUT...
JUST DO IT. YOU'LL TURN THE TABLES ON ALL THE ONES WHO TREAT YOU LIKE A FOOL EACH DAY!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I GET IT, I'LL DO AS YOU SAY.
DON'T BE SO HALF-HEARTED, YOU'RE A MAN AFTER ALL!
OI NAITOU, COULDN'T YOU GIVE ME THEM?
EH, GIVE YOU THEM?
THESE ARE AMAZING.
YEAH, THE FOSSILS ARE INCREDIBLE.
IT'D BE ALRIGHT WOULDN'T IT.
I'M REAL INTERESTED IN THEM.
NO WAY, I'D BE TOLD OFF WHEN I GOT HOME.
KITOU-SAN WAS TALKING ABOUT HOW MUCH HE WANTED THEM.
IF YOU BEFRIEND KITOU-SAN, THEN NO ONE WILL TRY TO BULLY YOU ANYMORE.
THAT'S RIGHT, JUST THINK ABOUT HOW HARD EACH DAY IS FOR YOU.

STOP THAT!
WH... WHAT WAS THAT?!
EVEN IF HE GIVES YOU WHAT YOU WANT, YOU'LL STILL BULLY HIM!
PLEASE STOP THIS, KITOU-SAN!
YOU'RE JUST SOME TRANSFER STUDENT, THE HELL YOU BUTTING IN FOR!
THE SHORTY'S REASONABLE ENOUGH.
GAHAHAHAHA.
A... ALRIGHT, GO FOR IT.
WELL THEN, HOWS ABOUT GIVING ME THE FOSSILS.

THAT'S WHY NO ONE STANDS UP TO HIM.
KITOU-SAN'S TERRIBLE WHEN HE GETS WORKED UP AND STARTS THROWING HIS WEIGHT AROUND.
BUT YOU'LL END UP IN A BAD SPOT OTHERWISE.
YOU MUSTN'T NAITOU-SAN!
HEY, THAT ROCK'S ALL SPARKLY.
MM, THAT'S RIGHT.
THESE ARE REAL PRECIOUS AIN'T THEY KITOU-SAN.
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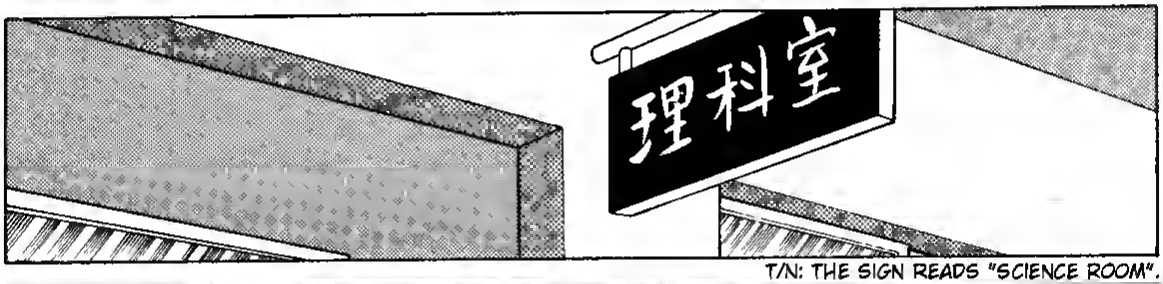
THAT'S NONSENSE, IT'S JUST A FOSSIL.
WHAT'S ALL THIS, MAYBE IT'S A DIAMOND.



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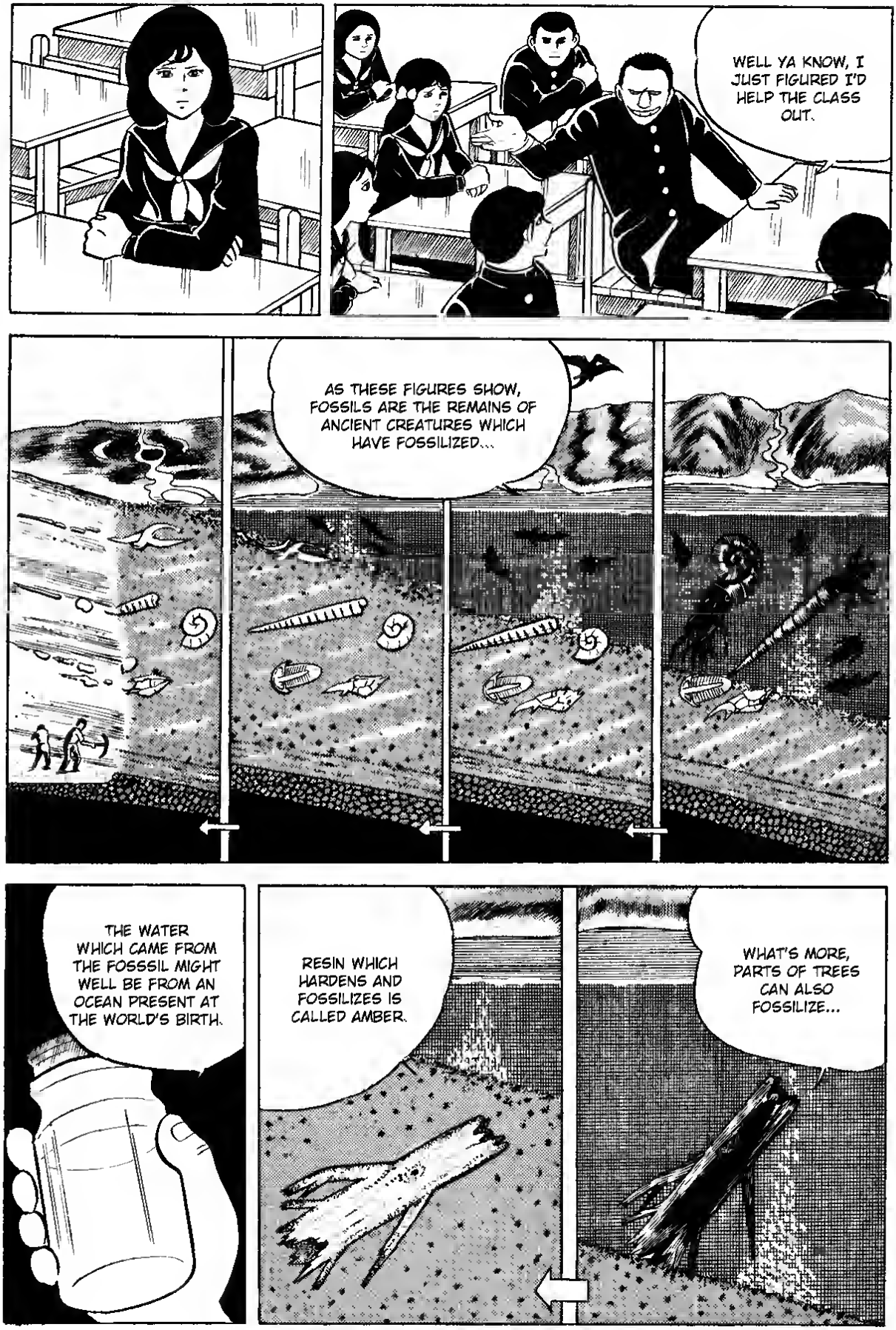
WELL YA KNOW, I JUST FIGURED I'D HELP THE CLASS OUT.
AS THESE FIGURES SHOW, FOSSILS ARE THE REMAINS OF ANCIENT CREATURES WHICH HAVE FOSSILIZED...
THE WATER WHICH CAME FROM THE FOSSSIL MIGHT WELL BE FROM AN OCEAN PRESENT AT THE WORLD'S BIRTH.
RESIN WHICH HARDENS AND FOSSILIZES IS CALLED AMBER.
WHAT'S MORE, PARTS OF TREES CAN ALSO FOSSILIZE...

WHO KNOW HOW MANY HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF YEARS IT WAS TRAPPED INSIDE FOR!
WOAH, AMAZING AIN'T IT!
THESE ARE MY PRECIOUS THINGS!
OI, DON'T TOUCH 'EM!
THAT'S INCREDIBLE. IT'S LIKE A REAL LIFE MIRACLE!
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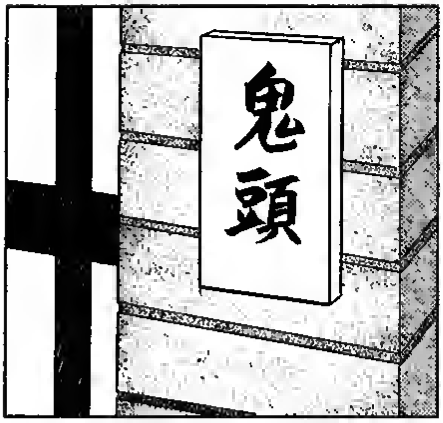
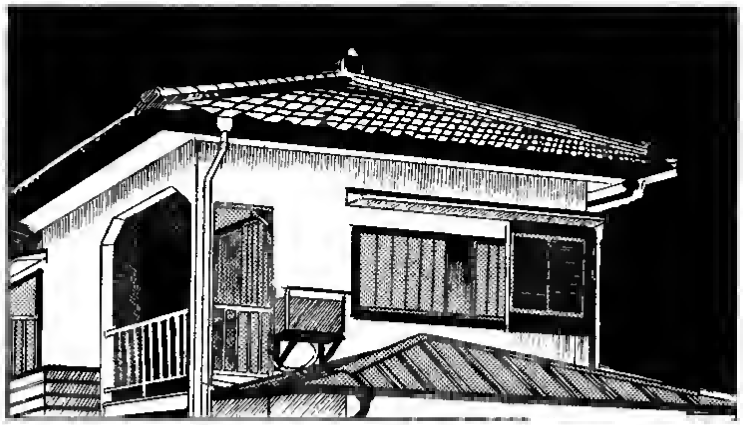
GAHAHA!





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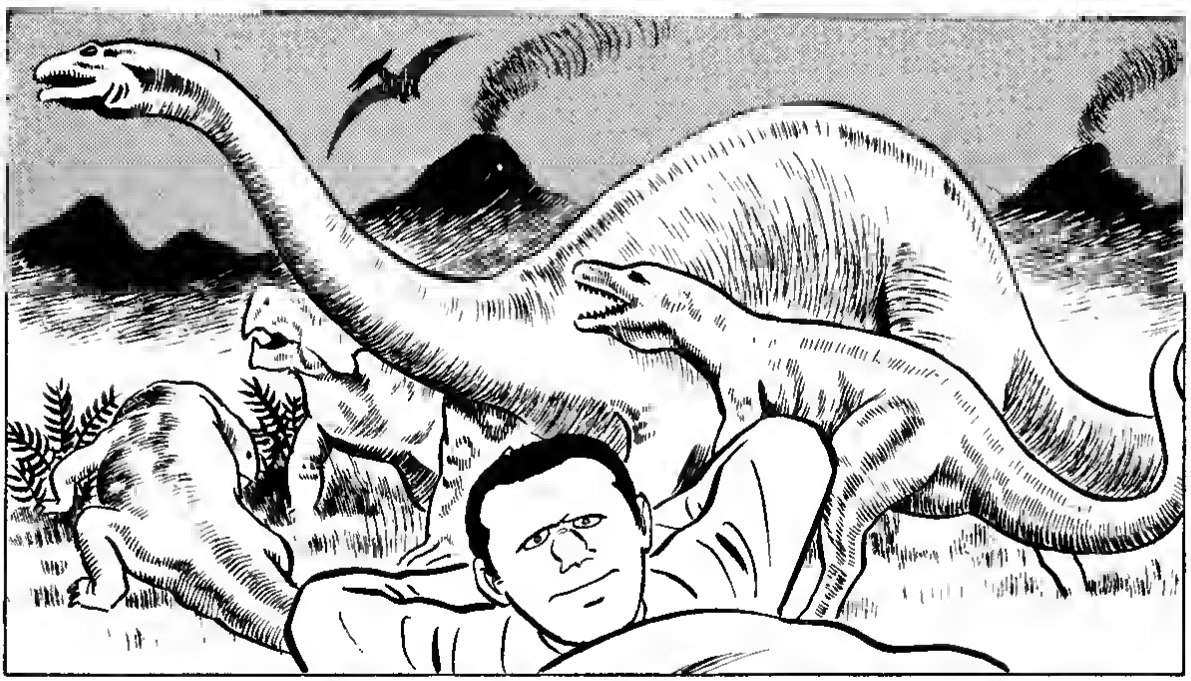

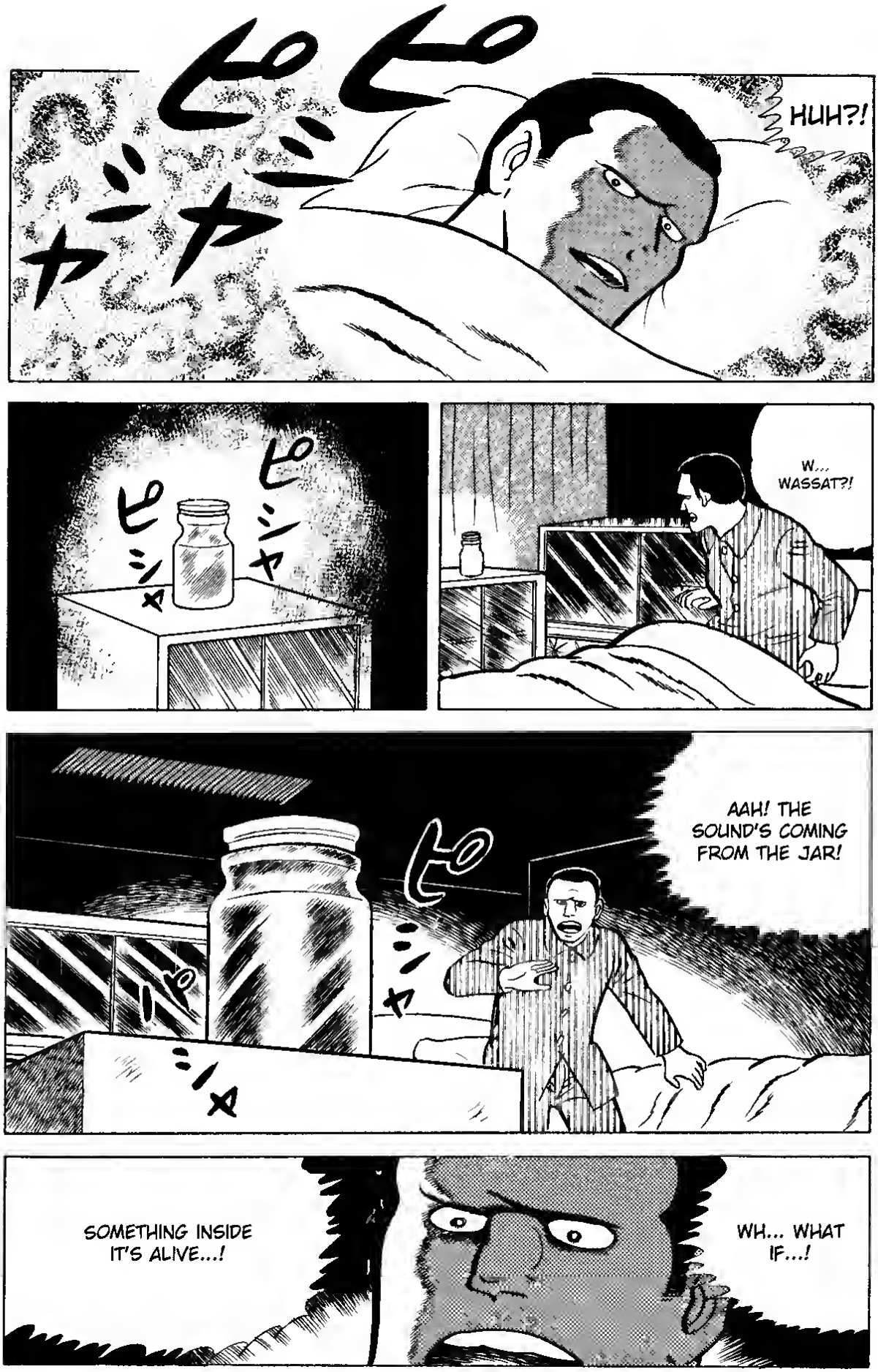
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HUH?!
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WASSAT?!
AAH! THE SOUND'S COMING FROM THE JAR!
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SOMETHING INSIDE IT'S ALIVE...!
WH... WHAT IF...!

NO, THAT'S NONSENSE. IT'S JUST WATER!
I... I'LL JUST TAKE A LITTLE LOOK!
BUT IT'S ODD TO BE MAKING SOUNDS.
AH!
D... DAMN IT!

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TH... THE HELL'S THAT?!
UH!
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IT'S ME, MISA KUROI...
WH... WHO'S THERE?!

WH... WHAT?!
AND THAT, IS THE END OF MY ARM.
H... HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN THERE FOR?!
HERE'S YOUR REWARD FOR BULLYING THE WEAK...

EKO EKO ZAMERAK!
EKO EKO AZARAK!